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NEWS FROM IRELAND.

Antrim.

The amount of duty paid at the Belfast Customhouse for the week ending September 19, was £13,770 15s. 4d. against £11,634 2s. 2d. the previous week, and £18,811 6s. same time last year.

The number of pounds of tea entered for consumption at Belfast, for the week ending September 19, was 51,791 lbs., against 54,297 lbs. the previous week, making a total of 2,370 lbs. since 1st January, against 2,833,409 lbs. same time last year.

Derry.

The Derry Journal says:—We have seen potato grown on the land of James Clarke, Esq., Lifford, which weighs over 216s. It is healthy, and of the flounder species.

Mr. James Donaldson, aged 90, died at his residence, Coolmagher, in the county Derry, on the 10th ult.

On the 12th ult. Messrs. Walters & Son Auctioneers, sold at Raphoe, a farm of land, containing 18a. 29s., statute measure, the property of the late Mr. Hugh Porter. It was held in £5 4s., 2d. and 13s. 4d. Mr. Kincaid was declared the purchaser at £700.

Dublin.

A correspondent of the Dublin Freeman writing from Dungannon says that James Brown, Esq., of Dungannon, a Liberal, Presbyterian, will contest the parliamentary representation of the borough against Col. Knox. The writer concludes:—If Belfast, Derry, Newry, Enniskillen and Dungannon be but well fought they can be won for the Liberal cause, and "the Ulster twenty-nine" will be thus considered weakened before Col. Taylor next numbers them off on Conservative parades at St. Stephen's.

Gavan.

The Anglo Celt of a late date announces the death by apoplexy, on the 6th ult., of a pensioner named John Miller, who resided with his father in the townland of Maheranure, near Coalhill. The Celt also reports the sudden death of a man named Patrick Maguire, a resident of the parish of Knockbridge, who died from injuries received by falling in crossing a ditch.

Fermanagh.

An Enniskillen correspondent says:—The revision of the voters list for the borough is expected to increase the number of electors to over 300, and there is no doubt that it will give an important addition to the Liberal interest. There are three candidates before the electors—Lord Crichton (son of the Earl of Erne), and Mr. W. A. Dane, on the Conservative side, and Mr. J. Collum, Liberal. Mr. Collum's friends speak confidently of his return, and I have heard that one of the Conservative candidates will be requested to withdraw to prevent a division amongst the Tories.

Donegal.

On the 24th ult. the property of Mr. T. Connolly, situate in the neighborhood of Bundoran, was brought to the hammer, under the directions of the Landed Estates Court. The sale was conducted by the eminent firm of Ganly, Sons & Parker, and as the result may be interesting to our readers we subjoin the prices realized for the different lots. The property, containing 2,825 1r. and 36p., statute measure, was divided into 39 lots, the government valuation of the entire being £3,137 1s. We select the prices obtained for some of the large lots:—Lots 1—A fee farm rent of £43, issuing out of 14a. 3r. 23p. of the lands of Ardflarn and Magheracar, with the Salmon fishery of the river Bundrowes was sold (subject to the approval of the court), to the tenant Thomas Dickson, Esq., for £1,070. Lot 24—Part of Magheracar, containing 18a. 3r. 16p., let at £26 16s.; Mr. Robert Keayes, £1,020. Lot 25—a fee farm grant of £30 6s. 6d., issuing out of the same lands; Mr. William Duley, £700. Lot 26—A plot of 1a. 1r. 5p. of the same townland, rent £3 1s.; Mr. R. Keayes, £310. Lot 27—105s. 1r. 10p. of the same lands, producing a net profit rent of £331; Mr. F. Fawcett, £1,067. Lot 36—Part of the townland of Drumcarron, producing a net profit of £105 0s. 6d.; Mr. Johnston Teevan, £3,000. Lot 37—The townland of Rathmore, consisting of 480a 1r. 13p., producing a net profit rent of £133 8s.; same purchaser at £3,600. Lot 39—Part of the lands of Magheracar, consisting of 432a. 2r. 13p., producing a net profit rent of £91 17s. 8d.; Mr. Thomas Dickson purchased at £3,000.

Roscommon.

The Roscommon Herald of the 12th ult. says:—We have seen a most extraordinary yield of potatoes on Tuesday last. The sample was the production of eight stalks,

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## ASSASSINATION OF GENERAL PATONI.

The following letter from the widow of the late General Patoni, was written to Mrs. Maria Lazo de Prieto of San Francisco. It is one of the most touching epistles ever printed, and will be read with sad interest. It is dated Durango, September 9, 1868:

My Dear Maria: Yesterday, under the influence of great grief, I wrote to your husband, to Munoz and Mirafuentes, asking them to denounce in my name and in that of the children of my late husband, his murderer, to the Supreme Court of Justice, and demand his chastisement with all the severity of the law. My whole life has been rendered

in sight to pay off the National debt. Of course such assertions are exaggerated, but from what we learned, there are numerous mines of immense richness in that section. Much of the ore is so rich that it is malleable to a certain extent, and there is a vast amount of it which will pay from two hundred to five hundred dollars a ton. As yet but few mills have been erected in that quarter, and the developments are not sufficiently broad to enable one to form a correct idea of the wealth of the district. We think it may be safely assumed, however, that there are vast amounts of the precious metals in the White Pine District, and that region is destined to be, at no far distant day, one of the most valuable markets in San Francisco merchandise. We would not, however, advise men without capital to rush wildly thither. Our experience of mines and mining excitement is too long for that. We know that mines which require mills and furnaces to reduce the ores, require also much capital to develop their wealth. We know that, as a general rule, men without money had better keep away from such mines. But we do believe that eventually the White Pine District will be worth more to this city than the remainder of Washoe and all of Idaho. We do not believe that it is one-quarter as rich as has been reported by excited prospectors, yet we do believe that it is rich and extensive enough to become a very valuable adjunct to the commerce and prosperity of San Francisco. And as such we hail its discovery, as we shall its complete developments with pleasure.—Call.

A correspondent of the Cleveland Leader says: I cannot tell you, at length of the riding I have done upon this retrospective battlefield excursion, is strange, old jolting stages, where, in the middle of sleep I was awakened by hearing the driver call the name of some historic place, and, looking out, would see a poor cross road, with worn fences zig-zagging around it, a woman hoeing in a field, and a hay wagon bringing in some recruit in faded finery for the steady. There are but few Confederate dead remaining on the battle-fields now. Union comrades stand at Winchester, Fredericksburg, Arlington, Richmond, Antietam, Slant, Petersburg, and the question is now under discussion as to whether the Confederate dead shall be also buried in the same places of sepulture. I believe it would be well to accord this thought at first consideration, it may seem objectionable. When the dead he together under the same flag protected, the living will abide under it in equal harmony. Let me tell you of a account I saw on this excursion. He was formerly in the employ of the burying corps, and his business was to hunt up the bodies of Union soldiers. It is difficult to get information as to where these lie in all cases, for the farmers do not wish their crops disturbed by the exhaling and many of them are averse to seeing Confederate bodies pulled up and then summarily tossed into the ditches, while the Union relays are borne tenderly away. So the scout carries letters to the union farmers and those that they indicate the grave of any loyal soldiers. The man I saw was a rough farm boy, who had himself been a soldier. He had found bodies in hollow trees, skulls of men by name, a mile from the rest of the skeleton, dragged streams and swamps, often direction by the flight of vultures who were circling over the out-cropping corals. In a deep wood near Beverly Ford, I found him spading away. A pair of old shoes and a moldy leather belt laid by his side, and in the box he brought a drummer boy's bones very slender and short with the hip fractured. Poor boy it was a profound silence after all the clatter he had made.

Do you ever find money or jewelry on the bodies you disinter?

Never, they were well searched while they were warm with life.

The hair of the dead is very general discovered glossy and luxuriant as when they fell. It would be the dearest mortal part for a friend to recover.

The estimates of the Southern cotton crop varies from 2,750,000 to 2,500,000. The latter figure is, however, more commonly accepted by well informed parties. In Florida the crop promise is scarcely favorable, but in other sections, and especially in Texas, the account are every way hopeful.

Times are lively in the White Pine district. A passenger from Treasure City informs the editor of the Reese River Reveille that there were 119 fights in 15 minutes in that place on election day.

Buy what you want, and pay for what you buy.

The advantages of the cash system of doing business are so numerous and obvious, that every sensible person must comprehend them when they are stated. A storekeeper, particularly if he sells his goods in small parcels, to a multitude of customers on credit, soon finds a large portion of his capital scattered over the neighborhood, and would consider himself fortunate if he collected 75 per cent of such scattered accounts. There are very few retail storekeepers who collect over 50 per cent. They cannot afford to lose the balance, but charge it to such of their customers as pay their bills. They could not recover it in any other way. We remember the case of a saddler, in this city, which forcibly illustrates the credit system of business. He sold a bridle and whip to a customer one day, which he forgot to enter on his books, and will be read with sad interest. It is dated Durango, September 9, 1868:

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by his death and the child, about to be born, fatherless. Oh, Maria, I trust that these murderers will be punished—that they will not escape their chastisement. I do not know if I shall have strength to bear the effects of this atrocious crime. Has there tell me, ever been a more dastardly assassination than that of my beloved husband? Fifteen days of liberty, Maria—in so short a time he to meet with such a horrible death, and I forlorn and with a life of everlasting sorrow before me. On the night of the 1st of August we were set at liberty at Monterey, and on the 2d we left that town to come here, furnished with everything necessary for our journey by the kindness of Father Vega and another person from Saltillo. We arrived at Durango on the 17th between six and seven o'clock in the evening. Several times during the day we met suspicious looking persons on the road, among others four masked whom we met again when we halted. There lay my husband on a dirty table, he whom I adored—who, four hours before, had slept at my side, full of expectations and hope for his wife and child—mutilated, and his handsome and noble person riddled with bullets; I covered his unfortunate body with my shawl and wept. Oh, Maria; what grief. Two whole hours I remained there, my head resting on his chest. I was alone Maria, alone, not knowing where to take him, and without money, for his assassins had even stolen from him two doublets and two dollars, which were in his waistcoat pocket, all our fortune. The people asked me what I was going to do, as the officers had ordered my Joseph to be taken away. In this confusion I begged the person who occupies our house to have the goodness to lend me one of the rooms in order to put the body there. He refused, Maria, Three times I entreated him, and three times this wretch refused my prayer, after having stolen his house when living, he refused an asylum to his dead body. At this moment a messenger informed me that a charitable lady had prepared her house for the reception of the body of my poor Joseph. I did not lose a moment, I wrapped his sad corpse in my shawl and went side by side with the porters, who carried the body, followed by a crowd. A good and brave woman threw her shawl over me and sustained my faltering steps, my soul and my heart were crushed with this terrible affliction. I took him to the house of the sister of the mother of his son. I was aware of it, and it was the last drop of bitterness in my cup of sorrow which I had to bear. From that house he was taken to his last resting place, and I, Maria, I remain alone, solitary, unhappy, for the remainder of my days, because my heart, rent with suffering, will never recover such a loss. In the midst of my grief, not knowing where to look for assistance, a gentleman entered. I was the friend of your husband, he said, my house is yours, and be you, for my wife and for myself, a sister. I accepted, Maria. After they had buried my poor Joseph, and this gentleman had closed his tomb, he conducted me to his house, where I am still, not knowing what to do, and waiting for the birth of a poor child left us unfortunate before its entry into this world.

The coming men of America in the immediate future will be developed by the fusion of all types of the caucasian race now resident on our soil. They will be cosmopolitan. This race will retain the good and gradually slough off the evil of their ancestors. And in this people a most important element will be the Irish blood. To-day we have the Irish blood. To-day we have the raw material. It is full of undeveloped, rude force. We are to it indebted for our railroads, our canals and more or less of all our enterprises. But there is in store for the descendant of the Celt a higher destiny. As a whole he is to make his mark in the intellectual as well as the material world. The fire and force in the Hibernian element, which now dashes blindly against whatever opposes it, will, when disciplined and concentrated, prove not only a power but a gilding to the civilization of the future. Their poets, their orators, their novelists and the proverbial Irish wit and quickness of repartee are but earnest of what Irish blood will give to the future great people to inhabit the American continent. This is not flattery. It is justice. We have previously spoken in a general way of actions and sentiments on the part of the Irish, disagreeable and irritating to a large class of Americans. We propose to speak of such in the future. But as we aim to be just, rather than polite, we desire that this people may know that we recognize the good in them as well as the evil.—Chronicle.

The Reese River Reveille of September 10th, says one the most ingenious contrivances for bringing a family comfortably across the plains that we have met, arrived in Austin to-day. It consisted of wagon about 14 feet long, on the top of the box of which was placed a covered frame of nearly the same length as the wagon, but overlapping it on either side about six inches, and as high as the body of a Concord wagon. This frame was covered with rubber cloth having three small oval plates of glass on each side. The body of the wagon proper was used for storing supplies and cooking utensils, while the covered upper part contained a large spring mattress, seats, and clothing of the family. It had the appearance of a tidy bed-room and was easily drawn across the plains by six medium sized mules. This omnibus was not heavy, but was easily drawn across the plains by six medium sized mules. It belonged to A. B. Cobb, who devised this comfortable plan for bringing his family from Indian to San Jose in California.

We learn from the Princeton, New Jersey Standard that there is a new young millionaire in New York. His name is Louis E. Nugent, and he is heir to the great Nugent estate. He has \$700,000 in cash, and is about twenty-four years old, and very handsome. Not engaged.

The questions to be discussed at the forthcoming Ecumenical Council at Rome include the policy of uniting the Catholic and Greek Churches, the regulation of the relations between the Church and State, in view of the almost universal transformation of absolute into constitutional Governments, and the best mode of providing religious instructions, as a barrier against the atheism of the day, so destructive to faith and morals.

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Bismarck's estate covers sixteen thousand acres.

Trade is wretchedly dull in England.

In Paris, Saturday is the favorite wedding day.

The population of Cleveland, as per late census, is 85,258.

London has killed 10,000 superfluous dogs this season.

Isabella filled the Spanish throne exactly thirty-five years.

Ten thousand patents have been granted during 1868.

A dispatch from India announces the death of the King of Siam.

English ladies of high rank are successful anglers.

Fifth avenue mansion rents \$2,000 a month.

The most effective eye-water—Woman's tears.

During last week ninety deaths occurred in this city, including nineteen deaths from smallpox.

The milliners boast that they have at last invented a bonnet which the ladies cannot make themselves.

A well known American family are making a tour of the Rhine in a carriage.

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Jeff. Davis is about to take a temporary residence in the pleasant town of Leamington.

A very nice waterfall can now be purchased in New York for eight dollars.

Scotch stockings with Scotch suits will be in vogue for the Winter wear.

Minnesota claims to grow 600,000 a year, of which two thirds is by migration.

The Continental will sail for Mexico on the 27th instant.

The Continental brought \$75,000 dollars in treasure from Mexico parts.

The fellow who jumped at a conclusion dislocated one of his ankles.

The man who has been trying to keep the wind, finds himself blown all over town.

J. W. Whitfield was arrested for keeping open a barber shop on Sunday.

The Captain of the Continental reports that the meteoric shower was very brilliant at sea.

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The London Times has been issued daily since January 1, 1878.

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The popular line to run on Mondays—clothes line.

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The statue of Alexander Hamilton, intended to be set up in the Capitol, has been shipped from Rome.

In Santa Clara county, for the week ending Nov. 3d, the number of real estate sales were 23, amounting to \$43,275.

It is said that a concession for another Atlantic cable has been granted by Belgium, to be laid between Ostend and New York.

A white rat, with a black tail, was captured recently at the Halfway House, Eagle Valley, near Carson City, Nevada.

Victoria is to make an effort to open the new Parliament in person, and also to hold one or two courts in Buckingham Palace.

An omnibus drawn by steam power and carrying thirty-five persons was successfully tried in France on a common road.

The damage by the earthquake to the Court House at Redwood, San Mateo county, can be repaired for \$800.

At Vienna, from 500 to 600 old men, the command of Abacae Franco, are, to take the President of the republic, General Santos Gutierrez, prisoner, and then to declare himself President of the Nation.

General Santos Gutierrez, who had previously obtained information as to what was to take place took 700 troops and several cannon, which he planted in front of the Convention, and demanded the surrender of the Governor's forces. The latter asked for a five-hour's truce, but Santos Gutierrez replied that he would give him one minute; whereupon the Governor's forces surrendered and he was taken prisoner with his secretary, Don Carlos Holguin. While this was going on an armed force of 1,000 men, under the command of Abacae Franco, approached the hill of Monserrate to attack Bogota. An engagement took place between the national troops and this force, which resulted in the rout of the latter.

The number of the killed on the conservative side was 40, and on the part of the national troops seventeen.

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Commodore Nutt and Minnie Warren, despairing of ever growing up, are about to be married. The pair together have a fortune of \$25,000.

Several slight shocks of earthquake were reported to have occurred on Saturday night. But few of our citizens seem to have observed them.

The wine crop in Prussia is very abundant. On the banks of the Rhine new wine has been bottled in July—earlier than any previous season for fifty years.

The largest factory of shoe-pegs in this country is at Burlington, Vermont, where one factory transforms every day, for cords of wood into 400 bushels of shoe-pegs.

The British Government declines to recognize the rights claimed by the Hudson Bay Company in the territory between Canada and the Pacific coast.

A negro in Boston, chancing to meet some of the Chinese embassy, exclaimed in astonishment, 'If I dens white folks, what is de color ob de niggers out dar.'

A brother of Edwin Booth, who retired from the stage twenty years ago, will resume the profession this winter. His name is Dr. S. Booth, of Philadelphia.

There is a lady in Boston who hasn't wished her face for 15 years. She thinks water is injurious to the skin, and uses fine Indian meal in its place.

Fancy pearls are \$20 a barrel in New York, and the fanciest of these natural products bring 50c, each at the fancy fruiterers' shops on Broadway.

The French ship America sailed for Spain yesterday with seven hundred and eighty tons of wheat—the first cargo of the kind for that destination in nearly two years.

Tobacco bonded warehouses are to be established in New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore and Richmond.

The contribution at the polls in the San Francisco Benevolent Society amounted to nine hundred and twenty-eight dollars.

A young gambler at Hamburg staked \$50,000 francs, and his hair turned gray while the deal was made. But he won.

A farmer in Putnam county, Illinois, committed suicide because the grasshoppers had injured his crop of wheat.

One hundred and eighty thousand emigrants have arrived in New York this year up to the date of November 1st.

Charles Dickens will not write any more Christmas Stories, because those he has written have been imitated.

A pleasant lady in Philadelphia has a monomania for throwing her grand children out of the upper windows.

Because a man who attends a flock of sheep is a shephered, makes it no reason that a man who keeps cows should be a coward.

A villa on the margin of the Lake of Como is being luxuriously fitted up for the Empress of Russia's accommodation.

Queen Victoria has ordered the erection of a statue of Prince Albert as a young man, in front of a Scottish castle.

The wheat shipments from this port during the month of October amounted to \$56,000 cwt., valued at \$1,078,000.

A man was beheaded by a railroad train passing over him, on the track near Portland, Me., on the 8th inst.

A few evenings since, a lady, while sitting in her residence, in Bowenville, Mass., was struck by a stone hurled violently through the window, but her chignon broke the force of the blow.

German papers say that Mrs. Lincoln purposes residing near Frankfort-on-the-Main, because her limited income will enable her to live there in better style than in this country.

One of Brigham Young's agents found he couldn't make converts in France, and so very sensibly studied vine culture.

Don Ignacio Gutierrez, the Governor of the State of Cundinamarca, Central America, on the 10th inst., collected 2,000 armed men at the Convent of San Francisco, at Bogota, in order to take the President of the republic, General Santos Gutierrez, prisoner, and then to declare himself President of the Nation.

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